

In the Specification:

Please amend the title as follows:

~~DATA RECORDING METHOD, DATA REPRODUCTION METHOD,
DATA RECORDING DEVICE, DATA REPRODUCTION DEVICE AND OPTICAL
RECORDING MEDIUM~~

DATA RECORDING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING
FLUCTUATION IN DC COMPONENT

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 31 as follows:

In particular, the method of appropriately switching the resync pattern to be inserted between the data blocks so as to minimize the DC component within a given sector sometimes eases causes sharp fluctuations in the DC component before and after the resync pattern located between data blocks. Such sharp fluctuations cannot be accommodated using the moving average method of calculating the offset amount.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11 as follows:

Another and more specific object of the present invention is to provide an improved and useful data recording method, data reproduction method, data recording device, data reproduction device and optical recording medium in which fluctuations in the DC component between predetermined data ranges can be reduced, making it possible to accommodate ~~change in~~ changes in the DC component over predetermined data ranges and thus to improve data reproduction capability.